Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 21 Jan 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 22 Jan 2021

Forecast Issued on Thursday 21 Jan 2021 at 02:50 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for cold conditions to continue with snow showers to low levels, and for strong winds over next couple of days. Lower for shower detail.

Headline for Thursday 21 Jan 2021: Bitterly cold with frequent snow showers and north or northwesterly gales.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 21 Jan 2021

Blizzards High Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** Medium Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability					
60%	60%	80%	80%	80%	80%

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Weather: Mainly cloudy with frequent snow showers though rain more likely on lowest ground near northern and western coasts. Some longer spells of snow are possible. Blizzard conditions. Just a few brief sunny intervals.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20%

Visibility: Good at times between showers, and away from cloud, falling very poor in snow showers, and in blowing snow. Cloud bases varying as showers pass through, perhaps dropping to 300m-450m at times and some longer periods of cloud on the Munro tops.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	47/54 N	45/54 N	44/54 N	42/52 NW	41/52 NW	42/52 NW	38/49 NW
900	45/52 N	43/52 N	42/52 N	40/50 NW	39/50 NW	40/51 NW	36/47 NW
600	30/38 N	32/40 N	29/39 N	28/38 NW	27/37 NW	29/39 NW	25/35 NW
300	9/40 N	11/42 N	12/42 NW	11/40 NW	10/39 NW	13/42 NW	10/38 NW
Glen	12/31 N	16/35 N	16/35 N	16/34 NW	16/33 NW	17/35 NW	16/32 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-4/-16	-4/-15	-4/-15	-4/-14	-4/-15	-4/-14	-5/-15
900	-4/-14	-3/-14	-3/-14	-3/-13	-4/-13	-3/-13	-4/-14
600	-1/-9	-1/-9	-1/-9	-1/-9	-1/-9	-1/-9	-2/-9
300	1/-3	1/-4	1/-4	1/-4	0/-4	0/-5	0/-4
Glen	4/-0	4/-1	4/-1	4/-1	3/-2	3/-2	3/-2
Freezing Level*	400m	400m	400m	400m	300m	300m	300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Nothing to add

Forecast for Friday 22 Jan 2021
Weather: Clear or sunny intervals and occasional snow showers though rain on low ground in the west.

Maximum wind: Westerly 30 gusts 40mph easing slowly through the day.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50%

Visibility: Generally good away from showers and clouds, falling poor or very poor in snow showers with cloud bases falling 450m at times.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 on west coast, Plus 2 inland at best.
At 800m: Minus 4 Celsius
Freezing level: 300m

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